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SUBJECT: URENCO FUELING OF FRG NUCLEAR REACTORS IN BRAZIL

REF: PARIS 6918

1. PLEASE APPROACH DE NAZELLE ASAP AND INDICATE TO HIM IN
CONFIDENCE THAT AS RESULT OF TODAY'S NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY
BILATERAL WITH THE UK, MOBERLY AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE
AGREED TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF DEFERRING APRIL 1 URENCO

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DECISION TO REVIEW NUCLEAR FUEL CONTRACTS TO BRAZIL FOR
ANGRA TWO AND THREE. THEY INTEND TO REPORT US VIEW TO
FONSEC OWEN THAT SUCH DEFERRAL WOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATING
PROCESS WITH BRAZIL. IF OWEN AGREES, THEY WOULD PURSUE
DEFERRAL WITH URENCO PARTNERS (FRG AND NETHERLANDS) AT
MARCH 25 EC SUMMIT IN ROME.

2. BRITISH POINTED OUT THAT FRENCH AGREEMENT NOT TO PLACE URENCO AT COMMERCIAL DISADVANTAGE AS RESULT OF SUCH DEFERRAL COULD HAVE VERY IMPORTANT EFFECT ON OWEN'S DECISION. NYE SHARED WITH THEM INFORMALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY FACT THAT FRENCH HAD GIVEN US ASSURANCES ALONG THESE LINES WHICH DE NAZELLE HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO PROVIDE BRAZIL AND FRG (REFTEL). MOBERLY INDICATED THAT ASSURANCES ALONG LINES PARA 4 BELOW WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO HAVE BY MARCH 23. NYE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THESE ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH BURDEN ASSURANCES PROVIDED EARLIER, BUT UNDERTOOK TO CONFIRM THIS URGENTLY WITH DE NAZELLE.

3. PLEASE INDICATE TO DE NAZELLE THAT WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO CONFIRM ASSURANCES PARA 4 TO BRITISH AS WELL AS DUTCH BEFORE WE MEET ON THURSDAY, IF POSSIBLE. SUCH CONFIRMATION COULD HAVE KEY TACTICAL EFFECT ON GOB RECEPTIVITY TO US PROPOSALS. NYE INTENDS OF COURSE TO FULLY DISCUSS FRG/BRAZIL NEGOTIATIONS WHEN HE MEETS WITH DE NAZELLE THURSDAY/FRIDAY. BRITISH ALSO INDICATED THAT OWEN MIGHT RPT MIGHT RAISE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH DE GUIRINGAUD, IN ROME, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD BE QUITE SATISFIED WITH ORAL US CONFIRMATION OF FRENCH AGREEMENT ALONG LINES PARA 4. FYI. BRITISHMENTIOED POSSIBILITY PRI-

VATELY THAT OWEN WAS ALREADY INCLINED TO DEFER RENEWAL DATE IF HE COULD BE ASSURED ON FRENCH WILLINGNESS NOT TO TAKE COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE OF DEFERRAL. END FYI

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4. ASSURANCES BRITISH INDICATED DESIRABLE IS " FRANCE WILL TAKE NO COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE OF ANY LAPSE OF THE URENCO OPTION AFTER MARCH 31 WHICH MAY RESULT FROM CONTINUING EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED TO FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE FRG/BRAZIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.". NAZELLE MAY WISH TO BRIEF DE GUIRINGAUD ON THIS MATTER. VANCE

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